

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COLLECTION OF EMIGRATION FEE
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government charges any emigration fee from the job seekers going abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds collected so far till December 31, 2007;
- (c) whether the funds collected so far were utilized for the Welfare of these workers abroad; and
- (d) if so, the amount spent for this purpose during the last 3 years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An emigrant worker is required to pay a fee of Rs. 200/- as processing / service charges for grant of emigration clearance in the office of Protectors of Emigrants (POEs). The fee so collected is deposited in the relevant Revenue Head under the Consolidated Fund of India. During the period 2005 to 2007 an amount of Rs. 42.12 crore (approx) has been collected as the Emigration Fees by POE offices for processing of emigration clearance.

(c): No, Sir. Since the fee charged is for the processing / service being provided by the Government of India to the emigrant worker, and forms the part of the Government's revenue, the same is not used for expenditure on any purpose by this Ministry.

(d): Does not arise.